GREEN LIGHT FOR NEW CHROI NAOFA NS BUILD

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The Board of Management at Scoil an Chroí Naofa has been granted the green light to construct a new two-storey complex, with planning approval finally provided by Galway County Council with conditions.

After demolishing their neglected front-facing school and replace it with a modern building covering 3,546sq metres, including three additional classrooms for a total of 18 on site. An access road will be built adjacent to the library, along with safe pick-up and drop-off points at the site's rear. Also noted in the application are the inclusion of a new playing pitch and external play areas.

An updated facility has been long requested by the school's executive. Planning Permission has been sought throughout the decade, but no final approval has been made until now.

With close to 300 students, Scoil an Chroi Naofa are already overwhelmed with the numbers they have. The students and faculty are finding it increasingly difficult to operate .

Conditions including all appropriate road-safety features, pronounced public lighting, provides bicycle stands, and marks set-down areas and parking spaces with appropriate signage are attached.

Tender documents for construction will now be assembled, and the Department of Education will take over the next steps for the new €10.5 million build.

"This project has been a major priority for me and I have spoken often with Minister for Education Norma Foley on the importance of this school" states Senator Aisling Dolan. She congratulated the efforts of the current Board of Management and Principal Christine O'Malley lobbying for the new complex, investing their time to now make it possible for pupils and staff.

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